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Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

Reference is made to your memorandum of February 18, 1964, requesting information concerning scars on the left wrist of Lee Harvey Oswald.

There are no special agents of this Service who can provide direct evidence based on personal observations of the wrist of Oswald during his custody by the Dallas Police or at Parkland Hospital whether there was evidence of a scar.

Descriptive information on the Dallas Police Department fingerprint card of Lee Oswald shows opposite the description of "scars and marks" as "clear", indicating that they did not make any notation of any scars on Oswald. However, it is possible that the police department at Dallas do not make a notation on a fingerprint card unless the scars are noticeable or apparent, such as facial scars, etc.

When Oswald was printed at New Orleans no notation was made of scars on his wrist on his fingerprint card. His physical description sheet and the photograph which was taken do not indicate that scars were noted.

The following is quoted from the autopsy report of the Office of the County Medical Examiner, 5201 Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas, Texas. "On the mid portion dorsum of the left hand there is a poorly defined pale, white, oblique, one-half inch scar. Over the volar aspect of the right wrist there is a transverse, superficial one-quarter inch abrasion. Volar aspect of the left wrist there is a transverse 1 ½ inch slightly raised white scar. The medial aspect of the right knee, reddish, very poorly defined 7 1/8 by 1/4 inch reddish discolaration...."

Among the findings on the autopsy report there is this notation, "left wrist and left arm, scars.". The autopsy was conducted by Earl F. Rose, M.D., and his assistant Sidney C. Stewart, M.D. Autopsy dated November 24, 1963, 2:45 P.M., autopsy number M63-356.

A copy of the autopsy report is attached.

Attachments

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